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The Annual Encampment of Massachusetts Division, Sons of Veterans, was called to order in the hall of Camp 15, corner Main and State streets, Springfield, at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, June 6th, Col. John H. Hinkley of Beverly presiding. Capt. E. B. Nichols of Dedham was appointed Corporal of the Guard. The opening ritual exercises were followed by the Sons of Veterans' Ode, after which the Colonel declared the Encampment open for the transaction of business.

The roll of officers was called, and the following responded: Colonel, J. H. Hinkley; Lieut. Colonel, W. R. Davis; Major, N. C. Upham; Mustering Officer, D. B. Purbeck; Chaplain, H. L. Ainsworth; Surgeon, F. J. Bradford; Division Council, J. B. Maccabe, H. S. Crossman, C. F. Sargent; Adjutant, J. F. Clayton; Quartermaster, C. W. Wallis.

The following were appointed a Committee on Credentials; Past Col. Sargent, Capt. Charles A. Cushman, Capt. Charles A. Stone, Past Capt. Batchelder, Adj. J. F. Clayton. The Colonel declared a recess of five minutes to present further credentials to the committee just appointed.

Past Col. C. F. Sargent, for the Committee on Credentials, made the following report: "Colonel and Brothers,—Your committee report that we find 117 delegates who have presented their credentials, and are entitled to vote."

The roll of members was called, and proceeded quietly until the name of Camp 78, Lowell, was called, when Col. Hinkley stated that G. N. Howard and J. I. Brown were not entitled to seats in the Encampment, as they were under suspension by Special Order No. 9 of the Commandery in Chief. Bro. Beal moved that Camp 78 be allowed only their delegate: the motion was seconded, and after spirited debate, carried.

The following committees were appointed:

On Ritual.—A. H. Brigham, C. H. Hillman, L. H. Nott, G. W. Gragg, J. S. Cuzner.

On Resolutions.—W. A. Stevens, S. H. Buttrick, G. Henry Powell, W. H. Carrico, W. S. Hall.

On Reports of Officers.—Elias White, jr., E. L. Payne, C. H. Stewart, G. H. Woodbury, L. C. Couch.

On Constitution, Rules and Regulations.—J. B. Maccabe, H. S. Crossman, G. C. Potter, A. B. Frye, G. A. McKenzie, Capt. F. L. Powers.

Bro. Maccabe moved that the Committee on Credentials be requested to hear what evidence may be submitted by Bro. G. N. Howard in his own behalf. Seconded. Bro. McAndrews of Lynn moved an amendment, that the privilege accorded Bro. Howard be extended to Bro. J. I. Brown, also from Camp 78, Lowell. The motion as amended was carried. While the committee hearing to these brothers was in progress, the Colonel made the following report:

COLONEL'S REPORT.

To the members of the Mass. Div. Encampment here assembled:

Brothers:—It has pleased the Divine Providence to spare us to meet again at this, the sixth annual Encampment of this Division, to review the work of the past, and legislate for the future. Many familiar faces greet me as I look about, and many new ones are visible, expressing devotion to our noble cause, and a determination to use their best efforts for its advancement. We who have been on the picket line are eagerly waiting for your command to come in from the cold and storm, to spread our blankets by the cheerful camp-fire, and partake of that quiet rest which is in store for us; and as we linger for the last farewell, as we grasp our comrades by the hand, a feeling of sadness tinges the joy of our relief from these many cares, as we realize what true comrades they have been, what devoted friends; and as we part never to meet again in the same official relation, it is with a full knowledge of how much we have been to one another through the many vicissitudes of success or failure that have beset us on every side, and we cannot part the ties that bind us without a sigh.

One year ago you unanimously conferred upon me this high office of trust and responsibility; but notwithstanding this, it was with many misgivings as to my ability to properly perform all the duties of the office, that I accepted the position; and it has been by your hearty, unanimous support that I have been able to guide this grand old ship of state into a haven of safety. Having had five years' experience of Division matters as a Division officer, I thought I knew somewhat of the amount of work that would devolve upon me, but soon found out my mistake, and had I known the amount of work and time I should be required to give, the tender of this position would have met an emphatic refusal.

In entering upon the duties of the office, one of my first duties was to ascertain the condition of all the Camps, and see what steps should be pursued to insure a good healthy growth to the Camps and the Division. One fact was plainly shown, and that was that the Colonel of this Division should visit any and all camps whenever an opportunity presented itself, and thereby cement more firmly the ties of friendship and loyalty that should always exist between the camps and the Division; and having once determined upon my line of action, I let nothing interfere with the same. By so doing it has been of some expense to the Division, as the Quartermaster's report will show. During the past year I have traveled in this State, in the interest of the Division and camps, over 3500 miles, going over 1100 miles in five trips. This has taken up no small amount of time, but I have been more than repaid for the time I have put into it by having the satisfaction of knowing that by so doing I have been enabled to do some good for the camps and the Division; for never in the history of this Division has there been such harmony and entire sympathy as exists to-day; and this is not due to any one man's actions, but every one, high or low, has done his best to make this one of the most prosperous years in the annals of this Division.

MEMBERSHIP.

At the commencement of the term we found that we had 68 camps, with a membership of 2015, showing a gain for that year of 19 camps and 685 members; to-day we present to you 87 camps, with a membership of 3088, showing a gain of 19 camps and 1073 members. Recognizing the fact that the western part of the State was not growing as fast as we wished, we have paid particular attention to that section, and we believe that the next year will bring in a great many more camps from that part. We have endeavored the past year to strengthen the weak and encourage the strong camps; and as a result we have lost but two the past year, although both of these were practically dead when we assumed command. These were Camps 4, Boston, and 45, Wakefield. As you will see by the Adjutant's report, to which I refer you for a more detailed report of the condition and standing of the camps, we present the roster of the camps to you solid from 1 to 87, an unbroken roll.

FINANCES.

This department has been conducted with the most rigid economy and strictly business principles, and as a result we are able to present to you a very favorable report. We have endeavored as far as possible to give you an itemized account of the expenses of the Division the past year, and as will be seen, the postage and express expense form no small amount of the same. One item of expense was the entertainment of our Commander-in-Chief, who was our guest for seven days, and whom we entertained in such a manner as only Massachusetts can do. We know that his coming among us has been productive of great good to this Division, and we have been more than repaid by the substantial gains we have made since he was here.

SALARIES.

Believing that the members of this encampment will agree with me that the Adjutant and Quartermaster should be paid in part for their services, I recommend that the per capita tax for the ensuing year remain as now, 12½ cents per quarter. Fortunately for me, I secured the services of two good brothers, who took the positions without hope of reward, and filled them in the most creditable manner; but my successor may not be as fortunate, and I would recommend that the Adjutant be paid $50 and the Quartermaster $35, as a partial recompense for their services the coming year.

INSPECTIONS.

The camps have passed through inspections with very satisfactory results, owing to the most excellent manner in which this department has been handled by that most worthy and efficient Inspector, C. S. Knight, jr., who has worked as hard to place Massachusetts first in this matter of inspections this year as he was devoted to her cause last year as Adjutant of this Division, and his report will speak for itself.

MISSIONARY WORK.

I always believed that this department should be under the charge of one man, one who thoroughly understood the order, and one we could have confidence in. Acting upon this I selected one who has justified the confidence placed in him, for I certainly made no mistake when I appointed Bro. Purbeck as Mustering Officer. For the twelve months past he has always stood ready to respond to any call that might be made upon him. In fact he has let nothing stand between him and the good of the order, and the large gains we have made are largely due to his efforts, putting in more time than any other officer of the Division.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

It gives me pleasure to commend my subordinates. Bro. Clayton came to me in the midst of our greatest labor, after the two former Adjutants had resigned, and I had been compelled to do most of the work alone. I prevailed upon Bro. Clayton to accept the position of Adjutant, and he has made a most excellent and efficient officer, and is entitled to the gratitude and respect of this Division.

How can I express to you what Bro. Wallis has been to me and to this Division as Quartermaster? Ever ready, ever faithful, has been his watchword, and right royally has he lived up to it. He has had full charge of the supplies and finances, and his report will speak for itself. He also is entitled to your gratitude and respect. We have received at these headquarters the past year over 2800 letters, about all of which have required an answer, which will show you somewhat of the work that has to be done at headquarters.

Judge Advocate Lyons has had a number of cases the past year requiring his attention, and he has handled them all in a most satisfactory manner. I regret that he is not here to make his report in person.

The Surgeon, Chaplain and Division Council have not been called upon to perform any work pertaining to their offices, from the fact that there has been nothing for them to do; but they have all stood ready to move at a moment's notice, were their services demanded.

The thanks of this Division are due to Past Col. Crossman for the most excellent manner in which he has attended to all the details of railroad and hotel accommodations for this Encampment here to-day.

Lieut. Col. Davis and Major Upham have both been the same true officers the past year as of yore, and have rendered great assistance and service to the Division the past year.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC AND WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

Never before has there been such entire harmony and perfect sympathy as now exists between the G. A. R., W. R. C. and this Division. Both orders have been ready the past year to do everything in their power for the promotion of this order, and let us always show to them that their confidence and trust in us has not been misplaced. We are indebted to Adjt. Gen. Monroe for many favors received the past year. Several times the past year has this Division been honored by having its officers invited to be present at G. A. R. and W. R. C. gatherings, and I would recommend to the camps that they give to the W. R. C. every assistance in their power, and work together with them for the same great cause.

No Colonel of this Division ever had a more faithful corps of workers than I have had in the Aides-de-Camp of this Division the past year, and it is mainly through their efforts that we are enabled to present to you so fine a report. Through them we have been able to find out the condition of the camps, and have also shown the camps that the Division stood ready at all times to do everything in its power for the good of the camps.

In General Orders No. 6 the camps were informed that Camp No. 58, Amherst, had been burned out, that they had lost everything, and the brothers were asked to contribute something towards placing them on their feet again, and this appeal met with a most generous response. We are able to report the Camp in good standing, with every prospect of continued success, and I take this opportunity of expressing my sincere thanks to those camps who responded so generously to that call.

My relations with all the officers and members the past year have been of the most excellent nature, and to all of you, my brothers, I extend my heartiest thanks. You have thrown the broad mantle of

charity over my many faults, you have overlooked my many mistakes, you have given me your united support for the advancement of our order, and with solid front we have marched on to victory. In all my visits to you, you have extended the right hand of fellowship in a manner that I shall never forget; you have exemplified in a manner found in no other order the grand principle of friendship. You have made me feel that it is something grand to be able to say that I am a Son of a Veteran, a right which does not come to every one, but only to those whose fathers served honorably and meritoriously for the preservation of the Union. And now, my brothers, I have one more favor to ask of you: that you will accord to my successor the same undivided support that you have given me.

J. H. HINKLEY, *Colonel Commanding.*

The Committee on Credentials made the following report on the case of G. N. Howard:

The Committee on Credentials respectfully report that they have granted a hearing to Bro. Howard and listened to all the facts he wished to present, from which it appears that he applied for but never received, a discharge from the Maine Division, and that he is now dropped from that Division; and further, the Committee were informed by Col. Hinkley and Adjt. Clayton that the Commander-in-Chief by Special Order No. 9 had declared substantially as follows: that Bro. Howard "should have no official relation with the Camp at Lowell, pending his reinstatement into the Maine Division;" and these facts had been communicated to Bro. Howard. Under this ruling by the Commander-in-Chief it is evident to the Committee that he was not entitled to a Captaincy in this Division and therefore is not entitled to a vote in this Encampment by virtue of past rank as he claims, and they report accordingly.

C. F. SARGENT, *Chairman of Com.*
A. W. BATCHELDER,
CHAS. A. CUSHMAN,
CHARLES A. STONE.

Quartermaster Wallis then presented his report, which was as follows:

QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of the Mass. Div. Encampment here assembled:

BROTHERS:—I beg leave to submit the following as my report as Quartermaster of this Division:

Amount on hand after paying expenses of Fifth Encampment,	$28.90	
Amount received in June,	125.31	
July,	182.49	
August,	104.82	
September,	107.04	
October,	130.17	
November,	169.88	
December,	381.71	
January,	127.88	
February,	116.59	
March,	196.94	
April,	263.87	
May,	173.05	
Total receipts,		$2108.65

EXPENDITURES.

Cash paid out in June,	$54.27	
July,	63.18	
August,	212.49	
September,	97.51	
October,	127.26	
November,	86.62	
December,	191.71	
January,	80.40	
February,	340.86	
March,	69.01	
April,	100.39	
May,	282.54	
		$1706.24

Expended for Postage,	$83.70	
Expressing,	45.83	
Telegraph,	5.84	
Printing,	69.75	
Traveling expenses of Colonel,	77.38	
Commander-in-Chief,	71.00	
Delegates to Nat. Convention,	122.68	
Total receipts,		$2108.65
Total expenditures,		1706.24
Balance cash on hand,		$402.41
Cash value of supplies on hand,		75.00
Division property to the value of		39.50

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. WALLIS, *Quartermaster.*

Mustering Officer D. B. Purbeck then submitted his report.

MUSTERING OFFICER'S REPORT.

SALEM, June 6, 1888.

To the Officers and Brothers of Massachusetts Division, S. of V., U. S. A.

I have the honor to submit the following report of the Camps mustered during the term ending June 6, 1888.

CAMP NO.	MUSTERED.	CHARTER MEMBERS.	MUSTERED BY.
4, Randolph.	Jan. 26.	37	D. B. Purbeck.
18, Uxbridge.	Aug. 30.	17	C. S. Knight, jr.
19, Clinton.	Nov. 7.	16	D. B. Purbeck.
22, Middleboro.	Nov. 16.	54	"
23, Reading.	Sept. 1.	16	"
27, Chicopee.	Feb. 11.	16	E. R. Train.
31, Roxbury.	Sept. 31.	28	D. B. Purbeck.
33, Charlestown.	Jan. 2.	19	G. W. Gragg.
36. E. Weymouth.	Apr. 16.	47	D. B. Purbeck.
41, Waltham.	Feb. 3.	39	G. W. Gragg.

CAMP NO.	MUSTERED.	CHARTER MEMBERS.	MUSTERED BY.
43, Berlin.	Apr. 23.	12	C. E. Bennett.
45, Arlington.	Feb. 24.	19	D. B. Purbeck.
56, Cambridge.	Apr. 27.	26	"
80, Malden.	July 1.	19	"
81, Chelsea.	July 6.	101	"
82, Boston.	July 12.	19	J. H. Hinkley.
83, Barre.		17	G. P. Johnson.
84, Mansfield.	May 15.	19	D. B. Purbeck.
85, Ipswich.	May 8.	26	"
86, Stoneham.	May 11.	16	"
87, Peabody.	May 23.	30	"
Total Number of Camps,			21
Total Charter Membership,			573

I have visited and corresponded with these Camps as far as it has been possible, and can report them to-day all in good solid condition, one-third numbering at last report three times their Charter membership, while all are steadily growing and doing good work for the Order. It would perhaps interest the brothers to know that Camp 81 of Chelsea, with a Charter membership of 101, is the largest Camp ever mustered into the Sons of Veterans of U. S. A. I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the Brothers for the ready and willing assistance I have always received in the performance of this work.

Respectfully submitted, in F., C. and L.,

DUDLEY B. PURBECK, *Mustering Officer.*

The report of Adjutant J. F. Clayton was next in order and was as follows:

ADJUTANT'S REPORT.

BEVERLY, MASS., June 5, 1888.

To the Officers and Members of Massachusetts Division, S. of V., U. S. A.:

I have the honor to submit the following as my report as Adjutant of this Division for the year just closed.

In good standing June 1st, 1887, 68 Camps, 2015 members; in good standing at present, 87 Camps, 3088 members: making a net gain of 19 Camps and 1073 members.

We have lost two Camps the past year—Camp 4, Boston, charter surrendered, and Camp 45, Wakefield, charter surrendered. We now have 87 Camps in this Division, every one in good standing.

NOTE. The Adjutant of the Division for the year ending June 1st, 1887, reported 69 Camps and 2032 members in good standing. There were but 68 Camps and 2015 members, Kingston Camp having disbanded, making a decrease of one Camp and 17 members.

Respectfully submitted, in F., C. and L.,

J. F. CLAYTON, *1st Lieut. and Adjutant.*

The report of Judge Advocate H. S. Lyons followed, and is annexed.

JUDGE ADVOCATE'S REPORT.

NORTH ADAMS, May 29, 1888.

To J. H. Hinkley, Colonel Commanding Massachusetts Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:

I. Disagreement in Henry B. Leighton Camp No. 16, of Somerville. Papers submitted show that in a fit of anger Bro. F. T. Leddy made remarks in the Camp room unworthy of a Son of a Veteran. Recommendation made that Bro. Leddy apologize. Recommendation accepted.

II. Complaint of Camp Council of Gen. W. T. Sherman Camp No. 65, of Athol, against Past Capt. E. E. Hosmone; disobedience in Camp Room, neglect of duty while in office. Recommendation made that Capt. Hosmone be reduced in rank and stand suspended until an apology is made by him to the Camp. Recommendation accepted.

III. Pliny Wood Camp No. 46, of Westfield. Disagreement in regard to money of the Camp. A visit made the Camp. Brought the Brothers together, the money was replaced as recommended by the Judge Advocate, and all is well.

IV. Case of Gen. Geo. H. Thomas Camp No. 29, of Adams. Charges made against Bro. Frank Tarbald for falsely getting money and telling doings of the Camp's meetings without authority. An investigation showed that Bro. Tarbald was a detriment to the

Order. Second charge proven. Recommendation made that Bro. Tarbald be expelled for the good of the Order. Recommendation accepted.

In conclusion I would say that it is very essential that Captains should observe that strict obedience and discipline to all commanding officers is enforced. Captains must also keep track of the doings of their staff, see to it that their books are well kept and that they are men who will command respect from the Brothers, and thus our Order will prosper.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

HENRY S. LYONS, *Judge Advocate.*

A letter from Department Commander Myron P. Walker of the Grand Army of the Republic, commending the Sons of Veterans, was read by the Colonel and warmly received.

The Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations reported the following proposed amendments, with their recommendation in each case:

1. "That the Past Rank Strap should be abolished and that past officers should be permitted to wear the ribbon of their past rank." Ought not to pass.

2. "That such a change be made in the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, as shall give the Chaplain the rank of Lieutenant." Ought to pass.

3. "That members of the order be prohibited from wearing any badge or decoration which was presented by governments other than the United States of America." Ought to pass.

4. "That the Past Commanding Officers of Camps, Divisions and Commanderies be not allowed seats in the various encampments on account of past rank." Ought not to pass.

J. B. MACCABE,
H. S. CROSSMAN,
G. C. POTTER,
A. B. FRYE,
G. A. MCKENZIE,
F. L. POWERS.

Considerable discussion followed on the proposition regarding Past Captains' relation to the Divisions. The report was finally adopted, with the exception of the second recommendation.

At one o'clock it was voted to adjourn for one hour.

The afternoon session was called to order at 2.20 o'clock, Col. Hinkley in the chair. The report of the Committee on Ritual was the first matter called, and the following was presented:

Your Committee would recommend that the Ritual be changed on page 20, when the recruits are in position at the altar, so as to read: "Recruits, I am now prepared to administer to you the obligation of our order. You will please hold up your right hands, place your left hands over your hearts, using your name where I do mine and repeat after me." We report inadvisable on the recommendation which was submitted to us: "That the Ritual be amended so as to require the Sergeant of the Guard to salute the First and Second Lieutenants in passing their stations during mustering in of recruits; see page 16 of Ritual, edition of 1887-8."

A. H. BRIGHAM,
C. H. HILLMAN,
L. H. NOTT,
G. W. GRAGG,
J. S. CUZNER.

The report of the committee was accepted.

Bro. Maccabe presented a further report of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations, favoring a resolution that Chaplains of Camps be elected, instead of appointed as at present. Accepted.

The following report of the Committee on Resolutions was read:

The Committee would report the following resolutions, which have been submitted to them, with their recommendations:

1. "*Resolved:* That the Division pay the mileage on Inspecting and Installing Officers." Ought to pass.

2. "*Resolved:* That the balance of money due for the expense of parade at Brockton, October, 1886, be appropriated from the funds in the hands of the Division Quartermaster." Ought to pass.

3. "*Resolved:* That relating the secret matters and workings of the Order in public places must and shall be abolished, under penalty of having charges preferred in a court martial." Ought to pass.

4. "*Resolved:* That the Massachusetts Division endorse the Sons of Veterans' Benefit Association of Lowell." Ought not to pass.

W. A. Stevens,
S. H. Buttrick,
G. Henry Powell,
W. H. Carrico,
W. S. Hall.

The recommendations of the committee were accepted, with the exception of the first resolution, which was not adopted.

Inspector C. S. Knight read the following from his report:

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

J. H. Hinkley, Commanding Massachusetts Division, S of V.:

Sir.—I have the honor to present the following report of the standing of the Camps of this Division as determined by the inspection of April last:

FIRST CLASS.

NO.	NAME.	PER CT.	NO.	NAME.	PER CT.
8	Lt. Col. Henry Merritt	95	37	Charles Sumner	86
10	J. Kendall Jenness	93	53	Gen. Sheridan	85
73	Joe Hooker	93	63	B. A. Bridges	85
9	Lincoln	92	75	Gen. S. M. Weld	84
26	Gen. D. N. Couch	92	27	E. P. Nettleton	83
62	Gen. A. P. Martin	92	5	Maj. A. A. Powell	82
81	Theodore Winthrop	92	48	George S. Bliss	82
38	Col. E. E. Ellsworth	91	79	William F. Barry	82
41	Gen. N. P. Banks	91	24	J. Franklin Dyer	81
50	Howard A. Wheeler	91	30	Lieut. Nathaniel Bowditch	81
67	Gen. George G. Meade	91	4	Lieut. William Palmer	80
11	Gen. George A. Custer	90	12	John A. Prince	80
14	Jonas C. Wellington	90	70	Charles Devens	80
47	Col. Henry Fletcher	90	49	Henry Wilson	79
64	Luther Hill	90	1	Lieut. Col. C. R. Mudge	78
2	Gen. A. A. Goodell	89	22	Maj. T. B. Griffith	77
54	Gen. S. C. Lawrence	89	33	Col. Ezra J. Wall	77
80	George H. Patch	89	55	Col. George D. Wells	77
3	Capt. Richard Phillips	88	39	Nelson D. White	76
28	Clark S. Simonds	88	44	Gen. William F. Draper	76
29	Gen. George H. Thomas	88	42	William G. Scanlan	76
52	E. A. Bennett	88	60	Gen. George B. McClellan	76
6	John Low	87	59	Gen. J. G. Foster	75
15	L. A. Tift	86	..		..

SECOND CLASS.

NO.	NAME.	PER CT.	NO.	NAME.	PER CT.
21	Col. L. D. Sargent	74	66	Corpl. Charles D. Force	67
57	Gen. U. S. Grant	74	77	E. R. Bosworth	66
76	F. L. Stone	74	68	Sylvanus Babson	65
7	John B. Hanson	72	19	A. L. Fuller	63
17	Gen. James A. Garfield	72	34	Miles Standish	61
31	Admiral Winslow	72	69	Charles C. Clark	60
72	Charles S. Beals	72	35	John A. Hawes	58
40	Gen. John Sedgwick	70	13	John A. Andrew	56
61	Gen. John A. Logan	70	18	A. A. Sherman	56
65	Gen. W. T. Sherman	70	82	W. D. Carney	55
23	Gen. J. F. Reynolds	68	46	Pliny Wood	54
16	H. B. Leighton	67	78	Admiral Farragut	53
20	J. C. Paine	67	32	Gen. W. S. Hancock	51

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

Chas. S. Knight, Jr., *Inspector.*

Bro. Maccabe moved to suspend the rules and proceed to elect officers; seconded and carried. Bro. Colburn of Camp 13 moved that the Convention proceed to an informal ballot for Colonel; carried. The following were appointed to distribute, receive and count ballots: P. Capt. Stevens, P. Capt. Frye, Capt. Cuzner. The Adjutant called the roll, the members depositing their ballots.

While the tellers were attending to their duties, the following telegrams were received and greeted with applause:

"Your Commander-in-Chief bids you God-speed, with deepest regard."

Geo. B. Abbott, *Commander-in-Chief.*

"Indiana sends fraternal greetings to the Division of Massachusetts."

The Committee on Officers' Reports submitted the following, which was adopted on motion of Capt. J. D. Powell, Jr., of Boston:

The following suggestions of the Colonel in his report—that the Adjutant of the Division should receive a salary of $50 per annum and the Quartermaster one of $35, and also that the per capita tax remain the same (50 cents per year)—are hereby recommended for adoption.

E. WHITE, JR.,
L. C. COUCH.

The tellers reported this result of the informal ballot for Colonel: whole number of votes, 139; Col. Hinkley, 3; Lieut.-Col. Davis, 29; Mustering Officer Purbeck, 53; Maj. Upham, 54.

Voted to proceed to a formal ballot for Colonel. The result of the ballot was as follows: Whole number of votes, 136; necessary for choice, 69; Col. Hinkley, 1; Lieut.-Col. Davis, 1; Mustering Officer Purbeck, 54; Maj. Upham, 80: and the chair announced that Maj. N. C. Upham of Fitchburg had been elected Colonel of the Massachusetts Division. The vote was then made unanimous.

The Convention then proceeded to vote for Lieutenant-Colonel, with the following result: Whole number of votes, 85; necessary for choice, 43; Capts. Colburn, Chamberlain, Couch and Carrico, 1 each; Lieut.-Col. Davis, 4; Capt. Brigham, 13; Capt. C. A. Stone of Chelsea, 64. Capt. Stone being declared elected, declined the office.

The next ballot for Lieutenant-Colonel resulted as follows: Whole number, 117; necessary for choice, 59; scattering, 16; Capt. Brigham, 12; Lieut.-Col. Davis, 20; Mustering Officer D. B. Purbeck of Salem, 69. Bro. Purbeck was declared elected.

The following resolution was recommended by the Committee on Resolutions and the report accepted:

Resolved: That it is the desire of this Convention that the officers of this Division devise some means whereby members, especially of new Camps, may obtain *regulation* uniforms and supplies.

It was voted to pay the present Adjutant and Quartermaster twenty-five dollars each for their past efficient services.

It was moved, under suspension of the rules, that Capt. Charles A. Stone be nominated for Major by acclamation. Other nominations were made of George Wm. Gragg of Everett, Capt. A. H. Brigham, Capt. W. H. Carrico, Capt. Cushing of Adams, John R. King, H. S. Lyons of North Adams, Capt. J. C. Pratt of Springfield. The result of the ballot was as follows: Whole number, 119; necessary for choice, 60; scattering, 15; A. B. Lombard, 6; G. W. Gragg, 10; Capt. Carrico, 18; Capt. Chas. A. Stone, 72. Capt. Stone was declared elected.

The following resolution was presented from F. H. Sprague of Athol and, on motion, laid on the table:

Resolved: That a Memorial Day service for the Sons of Veterans ought to be adopted.

The Convention proceeding to elect members of the Division Council, it was voted that all three members of the Council be chosen on one ballot and that the three receiving the highest number of votes be declared elected. The following were nominated: J. H. Hinkley, C. F. Sargent, H. S. Crossman, H. S. Buttrick, Capt. Lawrence, W. A. Stevens, E. C. Osgood. John R. King, C. A. Cushman, G. H. Powell, Chas. A. Stone, Chas. S. Knight. It was voted that the Adjutant cast one ballot for J. H. Hinkley as first member of the Division Council and he was elected accordingly. Balloting for remaining members resulted as follows: Whole number, 121; Osborne, Noble, Couch, McAndrews, Bartlett, one each; Capt. Lawrence, 10; C. F. Sargent, 14; H. S. Crossman, 18; W. A. Stevens, 22; J. B. Maccabe, 38.

On motion of Bro. McAndrews the rules were so far suspended as to admit a motion in relation to the place of the next Encampment. Capt. McAndrews presented strong claims in favor of Lynn and that city was chosen as the place of meeting for the next Division Encampment on the second Wednesday in June, 1889.

On motion of Bro. Knight it was voted that the selection of delegates to the National Encampment at Wheeling be left with the new Division Council.

It was voted that the newly elected officers of this Encampment take the oath of office now at the altar from Bro. Maccabe and that the usual installation be dispensed with.

By a rising vote, it was voted to thank Col. Hinkley for the efficient manner in which he had presided over the Convention.

It was voted to thank Camp 15 of Springfield for kind services rendered in connection with the Encampment, and the Springfield Grand Army Post for the use of their hall.

Similar thanks were extended to the Adjutant and Quartermaster, Lieut.-Col. W. R. Davis, Mustering Officer D. B. Purbeck and H. S. Crossman, to the latter of whom is due much of the warm reception enjoyed by the delegates to the Division Encampment.

The following resolution was recommended to be passed by the Committee on Resolutions:

Resolved: That a Camp having five rifles should rate the same at inspection as a Camp having fifty.

On motion, the resolution was laid on the table.

Chief Mustering Officer J. B. Maccabe then called up the entire Encampment and installed the following officers: Col. N. C. Upham, Lieut.-Col. D. B. Purbeck, Maj. C. A. Stone, Division Council J. H. Hinkley and W. A. Stevens.

Upon assuming his station, Col. Upham installed Bro. J. B. Maccabe as member of the Division Council.

It was voted to print the proceedings of the Convention and supply each Camp and each delegate with a copy of the same in ninety days. It was further voted that a corrected roster of the Camps of the Division be embodied in the report of the proceedings of the Convention.

The matter of Camps bearing arms was debated at length and it was voted that the Division Council be instructed to petition the next Legislature for the privilege of carrying arms, and that the State be requested to provide the same.

All the elections of officers were made unanimous.

At the close of the session, the day's records were read by Assistant Adjutant Jacob W. Powell, of Camp 82, Boston, and adopted.

Past Col. J. H. Hinkley moved to adjourn and the Encampment acted accordingly, to meet in Lynn, on the second Wednesday in June, 1889.

J. F. Clayton, *1st Lieut. and Adjutant.*

OFFICERS, 1888-9.

NATHAN C. UPHAM, Colonel, - - - Fitchburg
DUDLEY B. PURBECK, Lieutenant-Colonel, - - Salem
CHARLES A. STONE, Major, - - - - Chelsea

DIVISION COUNCIL.

J. H. HINKLEY, - - - - - - - Beverly
J. B. MACCABE, - - - - - - - East Boston
W. A. STEVENS, - - - - - - - Malden

COMMISSIONED STAFF.

CHAS. K. DARLING, Adjutant, - - - Fitchburg
F. W. EAGER, Quartermaster, - - - - Fitchburg
C. H. HILLMAN, Inspector, - - - - Cambridge
G. A. WOODWORTH, Mustering Officer, - - Leominster
A. H. BRIGHAM, Judge Advocate, - - - Whitman
E. WHITE, JR., Surgeon, - - - - Marblehead
A. E. STEVENS, Chaplain, - - - - - Orange

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ROSTER OF CAMPS.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	MEETING NIGHT.	CAPTAIN'S NAME AND ADDRESS.
1	Lt-Col. Chas. R. Mudge	Lynn	Friday	Charles M. Fraser, 158 Lewis St.
2	Gen. A. A. Goodell	Worcester	2 and 4 Wednesday	W. H. Carrico, 22 Jaques Ave.
3	Capt. Richard Phillips	Marblehead	Thursday	William S. McClearn
4	Lt. William Palmer	Randolph	2 and 4 Thursday	E. Lawrence Payne
5	Maj. A. A. Powers	Hudson	Thursday	George A. Derby, Box 106
6	John Low	Beverly	Friday	Charles W. Wallis, Box 1106
7	John B. Hanson	Danvers	Wednesday	Wm. F. Gragg, Water St. Danversport
8	Lt.-Col. Henry Merritt	Salem	Thursday	A. B. Osborne, Box 148
9	Lincoln	North Adams	Wednesday	C. H. Stewart
10	J. Kendall Jenness	Haverhill	Friday	A. R. Pemberton, 83 Merrimack St.
11	Gen. G. A. Custer	Whitman	Friday	George F. Bates, School St.
12	Albert Prince	Oxford	1 and 3 Friday	Charles L. Pettes
13	John A. Andrew	Stoughton	Monday	C. D. Folsom
14	Jonas C. Wellington	Cambridgeport	1 and 3 Wednesday	Wm. H. C. Noble, 117 Pearl St. Boston
15	L. A. Tifft	Springfield	1 and 3 Thursday	J. C. Pratt, Fulton St.
16	Henry B. Leighton	Somerville	1 and 3 Friday	H. Zeckers, Sixth St., East Cambridge
17	Gen. James A. Garfield	Brockton	Friday	Charles F. Cole, 390 South Montello St.
18	A. A. Sherman	Uxbridge	2 and 4 Tuesday	A. A. Sherman, Jr., North Uxbridge
19	A. L. Fuller	Clinton	1 and 3 Monday	C. C. Coulter
20	J. C. Paine	Groveland	Wednesday	E. L. Sides, South Groveland
21	Col. L. D. Sargent	Lawrence	1 and 3 Thursday	P. H. Donoghue, 71 Essex St.
22	Maj. T. B. Griffith	Middleboro	Wednesday	James S. Cuzner
23	Gen. J. F. Reynolds	Reading	1 and 3 Thursday	Amos C. Nichols, Lowell St
24	J. Franklin Dyer	Gloucester	2 and 4 Tuesday	Frank Robinson
25	William A. Andrews	Essex	Thursday	William H. Burnham, Jr.
26	Gen. D. N. Couch	Taunton	Thursday	L. C. Couch, 19 Walnut St.
27	E. P. Nettleton	Chicopee	1 and 3 Monday	Floyd Hill, 40 Grant St.
28	Clark S. Simonds	Fitchburg	1 and 3 Tuesday	F. W. Eager, 47 High St.
29	Gen. G. H. Thomas	Adams	Thursday	A. A. Paro, 30 Hoosac St.
30	Lt. Nathaniel Bowditch	Dorchester	1 and 3 Wednesday	W. E. Cowdin, 11 Charles St.
31	Admiral Winslow	Roxbury	1 and 3 Tuesday	C. G. Kelley, 27 E. Canton St., Boston
32	Gen. W. S. Hancock	Webster	2 and 4 Friday	H. A. Rusack
33	Col. Ezra J. Trull	Charlestown	2 and 4 Tuesday	Fred F. Stotz, 100 Pearl St.
34	Miles Standish	Plymouth	1 and 3 Friday	B. B. Besse, Box 141
35	John A. Hawes	New Bedford	Tuesday	George T. Duckworth, 1 W. North St.
36	James L. Bates	E. Weymouth	1 and 3 Friday	William C. Earle, High St.
37	Charles Sumner	Gardner	2 and 4 Friday	George P. Johnson, 110 Central St.
38	Col. E. E. Ellsworth	Attleboro	1 and 3 Thursday	G. C. Parker, 7 Capron St.
39	Nelson D. White	Winchendon	1 and 3 Wednesday	John McConnell
40	Gen. John Sedgwick	Turners Falls	2 and 4 Monday	L. B. Emery, Box 623
41	Gen. N. P. Banks	Waltham	2 and 4 Friday	Edward C. Osgood, 326 Moody St.
42	William G. Scanlan	Grafton	1 and 3 Monday	A. A. Smith, North Grafton
43	E. H. Hartshorn	Berlin	2 and 4 Monday	R. M. Pratt
44	Gen. Wm. F. Draper	Franklin	2 and 4 Tuesday	E. F. Harttmann
45	Charles V. Marsh	Arlington	1 and 3 Thursday	Benj. A. Harris, Waverly St. Waverly
46	Pliny Wood	Westfield	2 Thursday	E. L. Dearborn, Lock Box 186
47	Col. Fletcher Webster	Canton	2 and 4 Wednesday	Walter H. Delano, Sharon
48	George S. Bliss	Northampton	2 and 4 Friday	W. J. Weatherill, 71 Gothic St.
49	Henry Wilson	Natick	2 and 4 Friday	Nelson H. Pierce, Box 230
50	Howard A. Wheeler	Rockland	Thursday	Charles S. Beal
51	Calvin Cutter	Warren	2 and 4 Tuesday	S. A. Brown
52	E. A. Bennett	Leominster	2 and 4 Monday	George H. Woodbury
53	Gen. Sheridan	Orange	Monday	Ervin W. Doane
54	Gen. S. C. Lawrence	Medford	2 and 4 Monday	Henry J. Abbott, South St.
55	Col. Geo. D. Wells	Greenfield	1 and 3 Monday	George R. Beebe, 78 Davis St.

No.	Name.	Location.	Meeting Night.	Captain's Name and Address.
56	Solomon Sleeper	Cambridge	2 and 4 Tuesday	Theodore P. Prentice, 105 Oxford St.
57	Gen. U. S. Grant	Brookfield	Friday	W. M. Legg
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59	Gen. James G. Foster	S. Framingham	2 and 4 Thursday	William O'Callahan, Box 801
60	Gen. Geo. B. McClellan	Holyoke	2 and 4 Friday	Edgar R. Train, 13 Main St.
61	Gen. John A. Logan	Coleraine	2 and 4 Saturday	James W. Cole, Griswoldville
62	Gen. A. P. Martin	Everett	1 and 3 Tuesday	Fred A. Beals, 13 Liberty St.
63	B. A. Bridges	Holliston	1 and 3 Wednesday	Walter H. Fiske
64	Luther Hill	Spencer	2 and 4 Thursday	Frank L. Powers
65	Gen. W. T. Sherman	Athol Centre	Friday	F. H. Brock
66	Corp. Charles D. Force	Norwood	1 and 3 Thursday	W. J. Wallace, Jr.
67	Gen. George G. Meade	Abington	Tuesday	John M. Lyon, Box 373, No. Abington
68	S. B. Babson	Rockport	Wednesday	A. H. French, Beach St
69	Charles C. Clark	Pembroke	1 and 3 Thursday	Charles Turner, North Pembroke
70	Gen. Charles Devens	Upton	2 Saturday	R. J. Tuttle, Uxbridge
71	Joseph H. Proctor	Northboro	1 and 3 Tuesday	E. Solon Parmenter
72	Charles S. Meade	Hingham	2 and 4 Thursday	C. S. Henderson, Hingham Centre
73	Gen. Joe Hooker	No. Brookfield	Friday	F. L. Gassett
74	Roland. E. Bowen	Millbury	1 and 3 Tuesday	E. H. Coombs, Box 410
75	Gen. Stephen M. Weld	Dedham	1 and 3 Wednesday	E. B. Nichols
76	Lt. Frank L. Stone	Westborough	2 and 4 Tuesday	J. H. Fayerweather, 2 School St.
77	E. R. Bosworth	Easthampton	1 and 3 Tuesday	Edwin C. Riedel
78	Farragut	Lowell	Friday	M. E. Blood, 74 Rock St.
79	William Francis Barry	Melrose	1 and 3 Monday	Sidney H. Buttrick, Box 17
80	George H. Patch	Malden	1 and 3 Tuesday	W. A. Stevens, 242 Madison St.
81	Theodore Winthrop	Chelsea	1 and 3 Wednesday	Henry E. Keough, 145 Congress Ave.
82	William C. Carney	Boston	Tuesday	John D. Powell, Jr., 15 Cornhill
83	Henry C. Holbrook	Barre	3 Friday	C. C. Cook
84	John Smith	Mansfield	2 and 4 Tuesday	F. M. Washburn
85	Col. Nathl. Shatswell	Ipswich	2 and 4 Thursday	George A. Schofield, Box 450
86	Capt. J. H. Dike	Stoneham	1 and 3 Friday	W. A. Sturtevant, Box 469
87	Lt. Charles B. Warner	Peabody	Wednesday	Alfred A. Hall, Box 388
88	Charles E. Bates	Scituate	Thursday	A. A. Colburn, Egypt
89	Joel D. Dudley	Brighton	2 and 4 Tuesday	John Q. A. Cushman, 6 Peaceable St